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SUBJ: GHANA'S VIEW OF WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE

REF: A) ACCRA 1095\$\$(NOTAL) ALGIERS 0529
C) ACCRA 1431 (NOTAL)

1. AS NOTED REF A, GHANAIS ARE NOT EXERCISED ABOUT
EVENTS IN WESTERN SAHARA AND PAY RELATIVELY LITTLE
ATTENTION TO CURRENT DISPUTE. LATEST UTTERANCE
GERMANE TO SUBJECT WAS FEBRUARY 16 STATEMENT IN LAGOS
BY GHANA'S COMMISSIONER (MINISTER) FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS
COL. ROGER FELLI, WHO SAID IN AIRPORT INTERVIEW THAT
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GHANA WILL NOT SUPPORT A REVIEW OF COLONIAL BORDERS
BECAUSE IT WILL DO MORE HARM THAN GOOD. HE ADDED
THAT OAU FOUNDERS WERE VERY SENSIBLE TO LET BORDERS
REMAIN AS THEY WERE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE AND ASKED,
"IF WE START REVIEWING BORDERS NOW, WHERE ARE WE GOING
TO STOP?"

2. BECAUSE OF ITS LONG-STANDING DISPUTE WITH TOGO
OVER TOGOLAND ISSUE, GHANA IS FIRMLY WEDDED TO INVIOLA-
BILITY OF EXISTING BORDERS. WE DO NOT HAVE TEXT OF
HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG'S REMARKS TO CONFERENCE OF
GHANAIAN AMBASSADORS BUT IT IS QUITE POSSIBLPHE
MADE STATEMENT CITED REF B. HOWEVER, HE PROBABLY
TOUCHED ON SUBJECT ONLY FLEETINGLY SINCE IT DID NOT
FIGURE AT ALL IN PRESS PLAY ON CONFERENCE (REF C).
WE FEEL THAT GHANA WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTINUE
TO BACK OAU POSITION ON WESTERN SAHARA ISSUE BUT WILL
AVOID TAKING SIDES FOR OR AGAINST INDIVIDUALS STATES
INVOLVED.
SMITH

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